

# EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:00 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Paul McFadden; Lee Kissinger (arrived 6:25 PM), Claudine Pande, Theresa Donovan

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration; Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **II. District Mission Statement**

### **III. Presentation(s)**

#### **A. Makayla's Mission – Classroom Donation**

In memory of her daughter Makayla, Mrs. Giordano presented a classroom gift of yoga ball chairs to Mrs. Anne Padula. Mrs. Giordano said her goal was to eventually gift yoga balls to all of the IEP classrooms as research has shown that yoga ball chairs are a very effective sensory integration tool that helps kids focus and do better in school.

### **IV. Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

Vice Chair Rafanelli offered accolades to the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for recently winning the Division I State Championship. He also recognized the Girls Varsity Soccer Team for a very successful season.

MSV – To move up the Student Liaison Monthly Report on the agenda – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Clerk Zuercher requested that going forward the Student Liaison Monthly Report be listed at the beginning of Business Meeting Agendas.

### **H. Monthly Status Report**

#### **7. Student Liaison**

Noah Jussila presented a report on behalf of the high school Student Council.

Member Kissinger arrived, (6:25 PM)

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

**V. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2014; Executive Session Minutes of October 28, 2014**

**B. Personnel Items**

**1. Appointments - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

**a. Dwayne LaBrie as Sr. High School Assistant Wrestling Coach, Annual Stipend \$2,856; effective for the 2014-2015 season**

**2. Leaves of Absence**

**3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**

**a. Letter from Deborah O'Brien resigning her position as Winter Sports Supervisor, effective November 12, 2014**

**4. Non-Renewals**

**5. Recalls**

**6. Sabbaticals**

**7. Contracts**

**C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$127,929.87**

**D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

**1. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 1**

**End Consent Agenda**

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) –  
MOTION APPROVED

**E. Correspondence – (1) RI Department of Education Overview of EWG regarding Race to the Top Compliance and Achievements (to be submitted by RIDE to US Department of Education as a highlighted Rhode Island District); (2) October 23, 2014 Communication from Narragansett School System's superintendent regarding School Committee Resolution; (3) August 26, 2014-October 31, 2014 and August 28, 2013-October 31, 2013 Discipline Reports; (4) EWG Partnership with parents Program and EWG PTA's November 20, 2014 Event Flyer**

Member Pande referenced Correspondence (1) and thanked the Superintendent and Curriculum Director for their hard work in achieving all of the Race to the Top targets and for gaining recognition as a "model District" by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

**F. 2014 2015 Budget**

**G. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)**

**1. Policy Subcommittee**

**2. IT Subcommittee**

**3. Public Relations Subcommittee**

**H. Monthly Status Reports**

1. Superintendent
2. Curriculum
3. Business
4. Special Education
5. Maintenance
6. Technology
7. *Item moved up on the agenda*

**VI. New Business**

**A. School Committee Resolution Opposing Kingston Hill Academy Expansion**

MSV – To approve the resolution – Zuercher/Pande – (5-2) – MOTION APPROVED and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	NAY
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Paul McFadden	NAY
Claudine Pande	AYE

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, November 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, December 9, 2014-School Committee Organizational Meeting**

**X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5**

- A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
- B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice
- C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel
- D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

*The Committee did not meet in Executive Session.*

**XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**

**XII. Adjournment**

MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**

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